

DDS Legislative Update – April 5, 2012

Judiciary Committee Passes DDS “Competency to Stand Trial” Bill, Update on DDS “Job Expansion Tax Credit” Bill and DDS Bill Tracking

Judiciary Committee Votes Unanimously for An Act Concerning Competency to Stand Trial.

On Monday, April 2, 2012, the **Judiciary Committee** voted to JF [H.B. No. 5367](#) - **An Act Concerning Competency to Stand Trial**. The bill is one of DDS’s three agency bills in the 2012 legislative session. The part of the bill related to DDS would allow a court to receive notice if a defendant is released from commitment to the Commissioner of Developmental Services prior to the expiration of the statute of limitations for the crime with which the defendant was charged and allows the court to order periodic evaluations of the defendant. H.B. No. 5367, which was JF’d to the House, now will be issued in a File Copy and will be placed on the House Calendar for further action.

Finance Committee Takes No Action on DDS’s “Job Expansion Tax Credit Program and Individuals Receiving Certain Services from the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Developmental Services” Bill.

The **Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee** did not vote on [H.B. No. 5105](#) - **An Act Concerning the Job Expansion Tax Credit Program and Individuals Receiving Certain Services from the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Developmental Services** before the Committee’s JF deadline. H.B. No. 5105, which passed both the Commerce and Public Health Committees unanimously, is now dead as a separate bill. But, because the bill has had a public hearing and because there was unanimous support for the bill in the two committees, DDS will be working to amend H.B. No. 5105’s provisions to another bill as the legislative session progresses.

DDS Legislative List of Bills Being Tracked as of April 5, 2012

Below is a link to the list of bills DDS is tracking and assessing as of April 5, 2012 that may be of interest to or may have a potential impact on DDS consumers, families and guardians, DDS employees and DDS providers.

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